**FOB value of exports of bulk drugs and formulations**

*260. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of FOB value of exports on which advance licences are issued for export of bulk drugs and formulations;

(b) whether it is a fact that the percentage is very high;

(c) whether it is also a fact that calculations are done for advance licence on FOB value of exports which include agency commission and blanket permit charges;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this Ministry are considering to reduce the percentage and also to deduct the agency commission and foreign exchange utilised against blanket permit; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a final decision in the matter would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Advance licences for export of bulk drugs and formulations are granted, in general, when FOB value of export is 33 per cent higher than the CIF value of all imported inputs.

(b) This percentage is provided in the Import-Export Policy and is considered reasonable.

(c) Agency charges are excluded from the FOB value, for calculating the value addition which is based on the CIF value of imports.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

**Closing of the Gandhamardan Bauxite States**

1993. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to create some more revenue districts in different States;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Orissa in that regard; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

**Closing of the Gandhamardan Bauxite Mining Project**

1994. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to close down the Gandhamardan Bauxite Mining Project set up by BALCO (Bharat Aluminium Company) in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Revamping the Personnel Division of Rourkela Steel Plant**

1995. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are irregularities in the matter of providing employment to the local people in Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) whether the employees who belong to the State of Orissa are not given justice in the matter of promotions in Rourkela Steel Plant; and